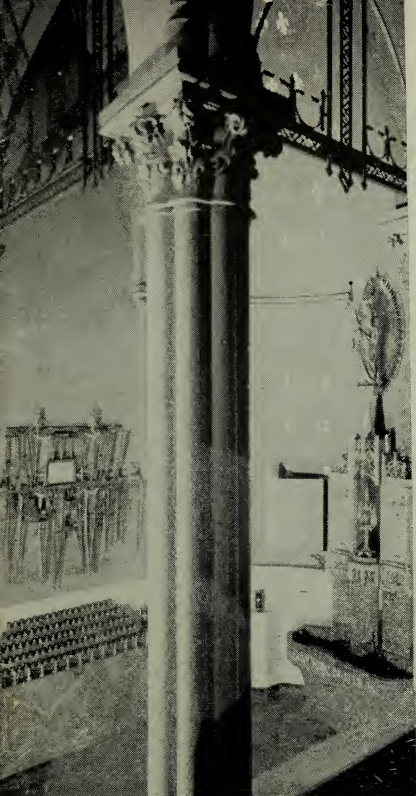




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A NOVENA TO ST. ANNE

A Novena is the recitation of special prayers for nine consecutive days in honor of God or of some saint to whom the Novena is being made. In a Public Novena these prayers are recited with others in a church where the Novena is being held. The prayers of a Private Novena are said alone at home or in a church as you desire. To the Novena prayers you may add other devotional exercises, such as a pilgrimage, Holy Communion, fasting, almsgiving and the like, which naturally make our prayers more deserving.

Anyone, Catholic and non-Catholic, can make a Novena and the Novena may be made for yourself, for another or for several others including yourself. That is determined by the intentions for which you offer your prayers and good works.

A Novena may be made for physical cures, temporal favors, spiritual blessings or simply in thanksgiving for benefits enjoyed. A Novena may also be made for no other reason than to honor some saint to whom you are devoted.

The Novena to St. Anne is one of the oldest in the Church. As Christians honored Christ, they learned to honor His Mother and with her that holy woman in whom the great Mystery of

the Immaculate Conception was accomplished, St. Anne, the Mother of her whom all saints call their Mother.

Because of her virtues, her exalted dignity and her close relationship to Jesus and Mary, veneration of St. Anne is as ancient as the Church itself. It is related that the Apostles themselves transformed St. Anne's dwelling at Jerusalem into a church. It would be impossible to enumerate the subsequent chapels and churches dedicated to her, the many places of pilgrimage where in the course of centuries manifold favors have been granted.

Although St. Anne is venerated in the East and in the West, no nation has shown her greater honor than the French. According to the most ancient tradition, Lazarus and his sisters, fleeing the persecution meted out in Palestine to friends of Christ, escaped to Gaul (present France) and brought with them the body of St. Anne. They settled in Apta Julia, the present city of Apt, and the relics of St. Anne were entrusted to the bishop, St. Auspicius, who, to guard them from desecration because of the persecutions, had the body buried in a subterranean chapel. During subsequent centuries of persecution and invasions the secret hiding place became lost in obscurity.

Christians kept alive the tradition of St. Anne's burial although the spot was uncertain. At the close of the eighth century Charlemagne brought peace and security to Gaul, and many churches and holy places destroyed by invaders were rebuilt, among them the Cathedral at Apt. At the solemn ceremonies of reconsecration, a fourteen year old lad, deaf, dumb and blind from birth, moved toward the high altar and repeatedly struck with his staff the altar steps and made signs that they should dig there. Charlemagne was impressed by the boy's unusual persistence and after Mass commanded that excavations be made. When the altar steps were removed a subterranean door was revealed. It was the door of an ancient crypt used by St. Auspicius. The blind boy struck the wall of the crypt indicating that something lay beyond. Part of the wall was removed and an older lower crypt was discovered, like one of the Roman Catacombs. In front of a walled recess a lamp was burning. As the king entered the lamp went out and at that moment the blind mute could see, speak and hear. "The body of St. Anne, Mother of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, is in yonder recess" were his first words. On opening the recess a cyprus wood casket was found

bearing the inscription: "Here lies the body of Blessed Anne, Mother of the Virgin Mary." Charlemagne had an exact narrative of the discovery sent to the Pope with a royal letter. This letter and the Pope's still exist.

The discovery gave new impetus to devotion to St. Anne and brought numerous pilgrims to the Cathedral at Apt. Because of the difficulty of travel, many clients of St. Anne could not visit the Mother shrine and relics were sent from Apt, at the request of prelates, to various parts of the Christian world. With the years, shrines of St. Anne increased, unusual favors were multiplied and devotion to good St. Anne grew.

The best known shrine of St. Anne in the New World is at Beaupre, Canada, inaugurated by French sailors who, imperiled by a frightful storm on the St. Lawrence, implored St. Anne's help and vowed, if saved, to build a chapel in her honor on whatever spot they should land. This happened in the year 1650 and ever since St. Anne has been a special patroness of the French Canadians. Wherever Canadians migrated, they brought their devotion to St. Anne with them. When a group came to Brighton Park—now a part of Chicago, and in 1889 built their church, called Saint Joseph's, their pastor, who had a small

relic of St. Anne, conducted for his people a Novena in preparation for the feast on July 26. Thus began the Novena to St. Anne at her shrine in Brighton Park. Annually the number of pilgrims grew and unusual favors were granted as crutches, braces and other testimonials evidence. The mother shrine of St. Anne at Apt, in recognition of the unusual favors granted at Brighton Park, sent to the shrine in 1914, the largest relic of St. Anne in this country. Not a Novena has passed during which St. Anne has not granted some exceptional favor at her Chicago shrine. She seems pleased with the sincerity and piety of the devotion rendered her here.

In making your Novena try to acquire that disposition which will make your devotion acceptable to our good Saint.

First of all, recognize that all blessings come from God. You only ask St. Anne to intercede with her holy Grandson for you, hoping He will honor her by hearing your prayers.

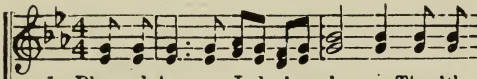
For your prayers to be truly worthy, you should be in the state of grace. For that reason a good sincere confession and Holy Communion should be a part of your Novena. If possible go to confession before you begin your Novena

or as soon after as convenient. You can go to confession and Communion at any church. These sacraments need not be received at the shrine.

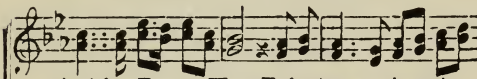
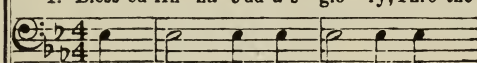
Realizing the favors God has granted through His saints, especially good St. Anne, address your prayers to her with *confidence*. The crutches and many testimonials left at her shrine by those who have been helped by her intercession should inspire you with trust in the power of her aid. No favor is too great to ask of God, who assured us that with firm faith and confidence we can move mountains.

An essential quality of sincere prayer is the spirit of *perseverance*. Sometimes God tests your confidence by not granting your requests immediately. You must renew your petitions firm in the hope that God will not ignore your entreaties. Let your Spirit of perseverance be accompanied with complete submission to God's will. Never be rebellious. Remember God is good. He knows best, and if the favor you ask is not according to His divine plan, be assured that in withholding your particular request He will grant you a greater good.

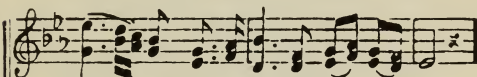
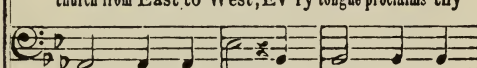
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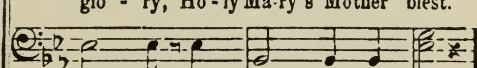
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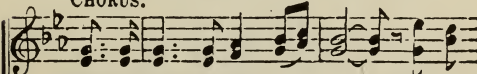
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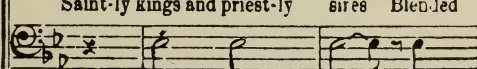
glo-ry, Ho-ly Ma-ry's Mother blest.

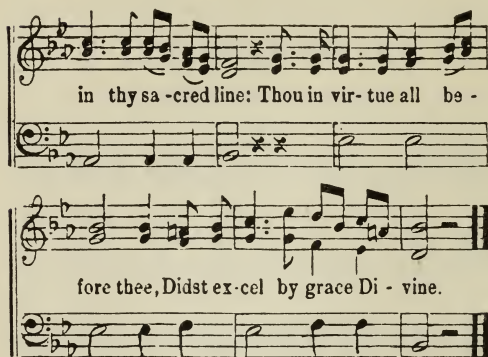


CHORUS.



Saint-ly kings and priest-ly sires Blended





2. Link'd in bands of purest wedlock,
Thine it was for us to bear,
By the favor of high heaven,
Our immortal Virgin star.—CHORUS.
3. From thy stem in beauty budded
Ancient Jesse's mystic rod,
Earth from thee received the Mother
Of the eternal Son of God.—CHORUS.
4. All the human race benighted
In the depths of darkness lay,
When in Anne it saw the dawning
Of the long expected day.—CHORUS.
5. Honor, glory, virtue, merit,
Be to thee, O Virgin's Son,
With the Father and the Spirit
While eternal ages run.—CHORUS.

NOVENA PRAYERS IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE

The Little Beads of St. Anne

Kiss the medal and make the Sign of the Cross.

1. *In honor of Jesus, St. Anne's Grandson.*

One Our Father.

Five Hail Marys.

After each Hail Mary say:

Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Anne,
grant the favor I ask.

2. *In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anne's Daughtetr.*

One Our Father.

Five Hail Marys.

After each Hail Mary say:

Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Anne,
grant the favor I ask.

3. *In honor of St. Anne.*

One Our Father.

Five Hail Marys.

After each Hail Mary say:

Jesus, Mary, Joseph and St. Anne,
grant the favor I ask.

End: *Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

O, Good St. Anne, pray for us.

MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS FOR EACH DAY OF THE NOVENA

FIRST DAY

Faith

Faith is the foundation, the source or root of all supernatural life, and of all Christian virtues. Without faith it is impossible to please God, but with it nothing is difficult. Then why should we not have great faith in God, since He is all powerful and everything comes from Him? He has created heaven and earth and everything that is on earth by a mere act of His will. He has created our bodies and infused into them an immortal soul. He is our most generous benefactor, our most loving Father. He has already conferred numberless benefits on us without any prayers or merits of ours. Every moment of our life is marked by His renewed favors towards us. He loves us with a love greater than that of a mother for her own child. "Can a woman forget her infant, so as not to have pity on the son of her womb? And if she should forget, yet will I not forget thee." God has solemnly promised to grant us whatsoever graces we ask; and, being Almighty, He is able to grant us all, even far more than we can ask. He is so willing to bestow His favors on

us that He complains of our not asking Him for them: "Hitherto," He says, "you have not asked anything in My name; ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full." He even commands us to ask Him for His favors: "Ask, and you shall receive." Therefore God can do anything for us, no matter how hard it may seem, if we only have faith. Then let our faith in God be strong. Let us fully understand, at the very beginning of the Novena, that St. Anne of herself can do nothing for us, because she is strong only in as much as God is with her.

Practice — I will ask St. Anne to strengthen my faith in God.

PRAYER

O! great St. Anne * I am about to make this Novena in thy honor, * and for my own spiritual good. * During the coming nine days * I will thank God for the many graces He has given thee * especially for your great faith. * Good St. Anne, how far am I from resembling thee! * My faith is weak. * Come to my help and strengthen me; * make me strong in the service of God * and obtain that I may constantly recall to mind * that I was created for heaven and not for earth, * I ask above all the salvation of my soul, * which is assured

to all who pray well and persevere in prayer.

Ejaculation — Good St. Anne, obtain for me a lively faith.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)

SECOND DAY

Confidence

Saint Anne seems to be the saint through whose agency it has pleased heaven to confer temporal favors upon man. Her very name, which was inspired by an angel, signifies: gracious or full of mercy. The birth of this heavenly child was a subject of rejoicing for the whole country; far and wide and during many years were repeated the marvels which marked her coming forth. Among other prodigies which happened at this time, tradition relates the sudden cure of a knight of Nazareth named Seral, blind from his infancy, who, having repaired to the house of Stollam, fell on his knees beside Saint Anne's cradle and lovingly and confidently taking her two little hands in his, said to her: "CHILD OF GOD, OPEN MY EYES SO THAT I MAY BEHOLD IN THEE THE WONDERS OF HEAVEN." Immediately he regained the use of his eyesight. From that day

this merciful power has been manifesting itself in the world. This is so true that in any part of the world where a shrine has been erected to her honor and where people have come to pray with faith and confidence, wonderful favors have been recorded at that sanctuary. It is not surprising that it should be so, when we consider that the nearer the saints are to God, the more agreeable they are to Him and the more He loves them. After St. Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin, none can be nearer to Him than St. Anne, the mother of Mary. How He must love her and what attention must He not give to her prayers and supplications. We must come to her, in all confidence, and ask her all the things that we may need and be assured that God will grant them, if it be for our greater good and for His greater glory.

Practice — One of the greatest graces we can ask of God, through St. Anne's intercession, is an unshaken confidence in the promises made by Jesus Christ to prayer.

PRAYER

O! St. Anne, * thou whose name signifieth grace and mercy, * it was never known that any one who fled to thy protection, * implored thy help and

sought thy intercession, * was left unaided. * Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, * good and kind Mother, * before thee I kneel, sinful and sorrowful, * O great St. Anne, * Mother of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, * despise not my petitions, * but hear and answer my prayer. Amen.

Ejaculation — We fly to thy patronage, ever glorious and blessed Mother, good St. Anne.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)

THIRD DAY

Purity of Heart

It is only with a pure heart that we should approach Our Blessed Lord and the saints, with a heart that is at perfect peace with God. Because the man whose heart is not clean is powerless to raise his soul to God, for when he begins to pray, thoughts and images of sin crowd in upon his mind and hold it captive upon earth. He who prays with an impure heart is like a man with mud-stained garments who enters the presence of a king, to implore a favor. It is only just that he who will not conform to the divine precepts should be excluded from a share in the divine benefactions. The moment mortal sin

enters into our soul we become the enemies of our Divine Master, and as long as we are in that state we are objects of aversion to Him. Then how can we expect God to do great things for us when we are His enemies? Listen to the commands of God, if you would have Him listen to your supplications. But as soon as the sinner is sincerely contrite, he may hope to obtain a hearing; God will receive his petitions as graciously as if he had never offended. In this He is unlike man, who is prone to cast former offences in the face of those who ask a favor. God looks at the present intention, not at the past action. Remember how the prayer of the penitent publican in the temple was accepted. Therefore, before beginning the Novena, let us purify our hearts by a good confession.

Practice — I will avoid the dangerous occasions of sin and live in the presence of God.

PRAYER

Great St. Anne * my life so far has not been what it ought to be. * Instead of following God and fulfilling His holy law, * I have resisted His grace, * so that I must have grieved thee very much, * dear St. Anne. * But now is the time of grace and blessing, * now Al-

mighty God will second thy efforts in my behalf, * I will turn from my bad habits and lead a better life. * Thou, O good St. Anne, * art certainly interested in my eternal welfare. * Give me light on my path through this life. * It is not always through malice that I commit sin, * but frequently from ignorance. * If I had light * I would, with the grace of God, do better. * Then, great St. Anne, obtain it for me.

Ejaculation — Great St. Anne, obtain that I may always abhor and detest sin.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32)

FOURTH DAY

Confession

Of all the means bestowed by the Saviour of the world for converting sinners, sustaining the just and conducting them to perfection, the most efficacious and most indispensable is confession. By it man learns to know and humble himself, to measure the wounds of his soul and to heal them. In the sacrament of penance he finds light, counsel and fortitude to combat the perverse maxims of the world and the irregular propensities of the heart, to discover the wiles of the enemy of salvation and to elude them, to rise

from his falls; nay, even how to profit by his faults. In that sacred laver in which he mingles repentant tears with the blood of the Redeemer, he purifies and sanctifies his soul and recovers the most precious of all wealth—peace with God and with his own conscience. If many persons do not derive fruit from confession, it is because they do not bring to the reception of the sacrament of penance the requisite dispositions; some do not examine their consciences, others feel no contrition for the past, and adopt no firm resolutions for the future, others dare to conceal some sins from their confessors. Unhappy souls, they find death where they ought to find life.

Practice — In order to be a worthy child of St. Anne, I will approach regularly the tribunal of penance and use the means of salvation there provided and taught me.

PRAYER

Pray for me, O holy St. Anne * that I may make a good confession. * Having bewailed my sins and past transgressions, * I beg of thee to obtain for me from God * a true conversion * that I may be a new man and a man of God. * Almighty God, according to His ordinances, * expects that I shall make

a good confession, * that I shall tell my sins plainly to a priest * so that I may obtain their forgiveness. * Effect in me a firm purpose of amendment, * so that beginning once more a new life * I may persevere to the end.

Ejaculation — St. Anne, obtain for me the full remission of my sins and the salvation of my soul.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)

FIFTH DAY

Communion

In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus imparts to us the most precious gift He can bestow. Having to depart from this world after He had completed our redemption, our loving Saviour would not leave us desolate. Therefore He bequeathed to us His own most precious Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. His mortal life had been one uninterrupted evidence of charity towards men; but not satisfied with this, not content even with shedding the last drop of His Blood for our salvation, He determined, when the hour of His return to the Father had arrived, to leave us another and a stronger pledge of His devoted love. The same night on which

He was betrayed, He took bread, and giving thanks, broke, and said to His disciples, "Take ye and eat, this is My Body." And taking the chalice, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this, for this is my Blood which shall be shed for the remission of sins."

At the very time that men prepared for Him scourges, thorns and a cross to crucify Him, our compassionate Redeemer wished to leave us the last proof of His love. St. Augustine, when considering the greatness of the gift which the Saviour makes to us in the Holy Eucharist, declares that Jesus, though an Omnipotent God, has nothing more valuable to give. "Of all the sacraments," says St. Liguori, "the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar is the most excellent. The other sacraments contain the gifts of God, but the Holy Eucharist contains God himself. The principal effect of this sacrament is to preserve in the soul, the life of grace." The Eucharist is, according to the Council of Trent, the divine medicine which purifies the soul from venial, and preserves her from mortal sins. The angelic doctor teaches that Holy Communion gives us strength to overcome all the attacks of the devil. St. Chrysostom asserts that when we receive the Holy Eucharist the devils are

put to flight and the angels run to our assistance. Moreover, this sacrament infuses into the soul great interior peace.

Practice — Blessed shall we be if the desire of being united to Jesus animates our whole life; if we often feast at His heavenly banquet in which Christ is received.

PRAYER

Good St. Anne, I wish to beg of thee, * help to make a good Communion during this Novena and ever afterwards. * I have prayed to thee, * Great St. Anne, * and my heart is inflamed with love of thee. * I must above all, * love my dear Lord Jesus, * whom I am going to receive, * that I may be strengthened in piety and holiness by His sacred presence, * I will thank Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, * for the many graces He has given thee, * which have enabled thee to lead a holy life, * and for the glory which has been a reward for thy faithfulness. * I will beg Jesus in Holy Communion * to give me strength and perseverance * that I may make great progress in the difficult affair of my salvation * and obtain everlasting happiness.

Ejaculation — St. Anne, obtain for me great love towards our Lord Jesus

Christ present in the Most Holy Eucharist.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)

SIXTH DAY

Prayer

Prayers and supplications, arising from our heart and ascending to the very throne of God, must needs be the principal exercise of any Novena. It is not the prayer we say that counts so much, but it is the way that we pray. We have learned our prayers at our mother's knee and we have learned them so well that we are liable to utter them without ever thinking of what we are saying. Then they become a mere formula and surely such mockeries will not transport mountains or move God, to do great things for us. Then let us be sure that our prayers come from the heart and not merely from the lips. We should begin our prayers by putting ourselves in God's presence. We should say to ourselves: We are about to speak to the Great and Eternal Creator — to Him on whom we depend for every breath we draw. He, the Immense, the All Holy God is looking at us now; all the saints and angels are looking at us, pleased that we are going to speak to

Him, and interested in what we are going to say. What are we before so glorious a God? Poor, little, weak, helpless creatures, wholly dependent on Him for even the breath with which we speak to Him; and more than this, we have sinned against Him, not once or twice, but again and again. We should be sincere in what we say to God. It is useless to read page after page out of our prayer book and not mean one word of what we have read. God does not care for that sort of prayer. We must not treat Him as we would be ashamed to treat a neighbor, turning away even while we were greeting Him. We must look at God and speak to Him in His presence. We must mean what we say. When we read our prayer book, let us stop from time to time and ask ourselves: "Do I really mean what I am saying?" If we do this we will soon begin to love prayer. God is more pleased with ten words from our heart than with ten pages read carelessly. These are the things we should take home to think about. First, prayer is necessary for us; there is neither happiness nor salvation without it. Second, prayer must be real in the presence of the All Holy God; we must mean what we say. Third, it must be humble.

Practice — I know that God will com-

ply with my wishes in prayer only in proportion as I comply with His commandments.

PRAYER

O Great St. Anne, * I cannot pray, * I am continually assailed by distractions that force my thought from God and thee. * The world, that looks so dull all day, * glows bright to me at prayer. * Often, when my voice goes up in pleading, * my heart remains here below. * There are so many things I need that God might grant if I could only pray from my inner heart. * O Great St. Anne, * obtain that I may have the spirit of prayer; * that my heart may burn with love for God and thee. * Thou who art so powerful with God, * direct, guide and help the powers of my soul * that I may pray and do God's holy will.

Ejaculation — Great St. Anne, obtain that the Holy Spirit breathe anew through all my prayers.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)

SEVENTH DAY

Penance

Our prayers and supplications should be accompanied by works of penance

and sacrifice, because penance is the principal element of the Christian life.

There are two forces in man that are continually warring against each other; a material force and a spiritual force. His body coming from the earth ever tends towards earthly things but his soul, coming from God, tends towards spiritual things. If the lower force is the stronger, then man will be more material and earthly, but if on the other hand, the higher force is the stronger, then he will be more spiritual and God-like. Then it is of the greatest importance for every man, to weaken this lower material force and to strengthen the higher spiritual force. This can be done only by depriving the material force of those things for which it craves. This is what we call penance or mortification. Then the spiritual force will dominate and man will be more pleasing to God and in consequence his prayers and supplications will be more efficacious. Hence the necessity of penance and mortification for those who are seeking the favors of God through a Novena.

Practice — Observe faithfully the fasts and abstinences, unless lawfully excused.

PRAYER

Great Saint! * Thou didst join severe penance to admirable innocence of life: * and I, * who have so often offended God and deserved hell, * hardly know the meaning of penance. * What confusion for me and what folly * if I leave the rigorous expiation of my sins to a future life * when I can more easily obtain pardon for them here. * My powerful Protectress, * I stand in urgent need of thy help in this matter. * Aid me to practice at once Christian mortification. * Assist me to keep the fasts and abstinences of Holy Church * and to flee all sinful pleasures.

Ejaculation — St. Anne, obtain for me a spirit of compunction and the courage to do penance.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)

EIGHTH DAY

Sacrifice

Another essential element of a successful Novena is sacrifice. History teaches that when Christians sought favors at a shrine, they prepared themselves for the pilgrimages by works of penance and sacrifice. They journeyed on foot to some distant shrine, begging

on their way the few morsels of bread necessary for their sustenance. They prayed long hours before the altar. They denied themselves all worldly pleasures. Their hearts were fixed on heaven alone. They rightly believed that if they wished great favors from God, they must show intense earnestness and make sacrifices. Nothing pleases God more and makes Him better disposed towards us than sacrifices that are prompted by a generous heart. Let us then perform during this Novena some kind of sacrifice. What shall it be? Shall we journey on foot from our homes to the sanctuary? Or shall it be works of charity. The faithful discharge of our duties is often a difficult and always an acceptable sacrifice. Let us choose for ourselves that which is best suited to our condition and to our state of health. But let us bear in mind that during the Novena we must perform some kind of sacrifice if we desire to obtain great favors.

Practice — Invoke the help of Saint Anne whenever God or your own conscience demands some painful sacrifice.

PRAYER

My beloved Patroness, * thou knowest how far I am from possessing the generosity that should animate a child

of thine; * how weak, tepid and cowardly I am in the divine service. * Thou knowest that for many months, * nay years, God has been daily and in vain, * asking of me the sacrifice of some affection, * some pleasure, some sensuality, * the source of all my sins. * At least it has prevented my progress in love of God. * I beg of thee * great saint, to obtain for me through thy good and powerful prayers, * the strength to overcome whatever prevents me from giving my whole heart to God.

Ejaculation — Good St. Anne, obtain for me generosity in God's service.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)

NINTH DAY

Resignation

If we suffer from some illness, we can ask St. Anne to cure us, but having done this, we must resign ourselves entirely to the will of God. We may also ask Him for health, with the view of employing it in His service, at the same time leaving ourselves entirely in His hands; that He may do with us what He pleases; these are the best means to regain health. He who in his

prayers seeks only himself instead of seeking God is not heard, while he who in his pleadings has only God and His holy will in view is always heard. "I sought the Lord, and He heard me." What a powerful remedy for all sorts of maladies we possess in the words: "Lord, Thy will be done!" Therefore when attacked by illness, abandon yourself entirely to the will of God, be ready to suffer whatever He may send you; unite yourself to Jesus on the cross, and do not desire to descend from it ere it pleases Him to take you down; show yourself ready even to die, if such be His holy will. Have your crucified Saviour always before your eyes; you will assuredly suffer with far greater patience when you consider how trifling your pains are compared with those which Jesus Christ suffered for the love of you.

Practice — I will submit to the will of God in all things.

PRAYER

Merciful and beloved St. Anne, *
being by the grace of God a Christian, *
I know I should ask, * and by this
prayer I sincerely do ask * the health of
my soul rather than that of the body, *
convinced as I am that this transitory
life * is given us in order that we may

secure a better one hereafter, * to which we can arrive only by the grace of God. * This grace, * together with the grace of patiently bearing my sufferings, * I earnestly beg thee to obtain through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, * the intercession of His Immaculate Mother * and through thy powerful mediation, * O glorious and good St. Anne. * Not in vain, * O beloved patroness, * has the Almighty bestowed upon thee the power to work wonders, * Wherefore I beseech thee, * O kind Mother, * to restore me to health, * if it be God's holy will. Amen.

May it be so for thy own greater glory.

Ejaculation — Good St. Anne, obtain for me the spirit of resignation.

(Litany and Prayers p. 32.)



LITANY IN HONOR OF ST ANNE

Priest: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: *Christ have mercy on us.*

Priest: Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.

People: *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy
on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy
on us.*

St. Anne, grandmother of our Saviour,
pray for us.

St. Anne, mother of Mary Virgin and
Mother, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, Ark of Noah, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, Ark of the Covenant, *pray
for us.*

St. Anne, root of Jesse, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, fruitful vine, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, issue of a royal race, *pray
for us.*

St. Anne, joy of angels, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, daughter of the patriarchs,
pray for us.

St. Anne, filled with grace, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, mirror of obedience, *pray for
us.*

St. Anne, mirror of patience, *pray for
us.*

St. Anne, mirror of mercy, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, mirror of piety, *pray for us.*L

St. Anne, bulwark of the Church, *pray
for us.*

St. Anne, liberator of the captives, *pray
for us.*

St. Anne, refuge of sinners, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, consoler of the married, *pray
for us.*

St. Anne, mother of widows, *pray for
us.*

St. Anne, mother of virgins, *pray for
us.*

St. Anne, mother of the sick, *pray for
us.*

St. Anne, harbor of salvation, *pray for
us.*

St. Anne, light of the blind, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, tongue of the dumb, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, hearing of the deaf, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, consolation of the afflicted, *pray for us.*

St. Anne, help of all who have recourse to thee, *pray for us.*

Our Father! — Hail Mary!

God has loved St. Anne,
And delighted in her beauty.

PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God * who
didst vouchsafe to choose St. Anne to
be Mother of the Mother of Thine only
Son * grant we beseech Thee * that we
* who keep her in remembrance * may
through her prayers attain the ever-
lasting life * Through Jesus Christ our
Lord * Amen.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN SOME SPECIAL FAVOR

Glorious St. Anne * filled with com-
passion for those who invoke thee * and
with love for those who suffer, * heavily

laden with the weight of my troubles *
I cast myself at thy feet * and humbly
beg of thee to take the present affair *
which I recommend to thee * under thy
special protection. (*Here pause and
pray for your intentions.*)

Vouchsafe to recommend it to thy
Daughter * the Blessed Virgin Mary *
and to lay it before the throne of Jesus
* so that He may bring it to a happy
issue. * Cease not to intercede for me
until my request is granted. * Above all,
obtain for me the grace of one day be-
holding my God face to face * that with
thee and Mary and all the saints *
I may praise and bless Him for all
eternity. * Amen.

Good Saint Anne, pray for us. (100
days indulgence, each time.)

Jesus, Mary, Anne. (100 *days in-
dulgence, each time.*)

THE PILGRIM'S PRAYER

O Good St. Anne * I have come from
afar * to honor and invoke thee in this
hallowed shrine * where so often the
pious pilgrim * has felt the effects of
thy kindness and of thy power. * Gladly
have I traveled the distance that sepa-
rated me from this holy place * and

have come to ask favors of thee. *
I hope thou wilt show thyself gracious
towards me * as thou hast done to all
who have come here with confidence.

Yes * I hope that each hour of this
day will bring a new blessing. * But
thou knowest the special grace * which
I implore of thee from the depths of my
heart * and which has been the aim of
my prayer * and the inspiration of my
soul in coming here. * I conjure thee to
hear my entreaty; * do not, Good Saint
* permit any of thy children to say to
thee: * "I have invoked thee in the
place where thou hast been pleased to
display thy wonders * and thou hast
had no blessing for me." * No, no * thou
wilt hear my prayers * and I shall
return with a new benefit to publish *
a new motive to confide in thy bounty *
and a new bond of love to attach me to
thee.

Come, Holy Ghost

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Holy Anne, *Patroness of Christian families*, * I present my children to thy care. * I know that I received them from God and that it is to Him they belong; * therefore I beg of thee the grace ever to submit cheerfully * to whatever divine Providence may decree concerning them. * Vouchsafe to bless them. * In their behalf, I ask above all for the kingdom of God and His justice * and to thee, good Mother, I leave all care of providing us with what is necessary and benefiting to our state of life. * Imprint a great horror of sin on the hearts of my children; * keep them aloof from all evil * preserve them from being contaminated by the world; * may all their actions be inspired by Christian principles; * grant them simplicity and uprightness of heart, * teach them to love God alone, even as from her very earliest years * thou didst teach thy holy and immaculate Daughter Mary to love Him.

Holy Anne, thou art the *Mirror of patience* * obtain for me the grace of patiently and lovingly surmounting the difficulties inseparable from the task of bringing up children. * Bless me and my children; * watch over us, good Mother, * obtain for us the grace of

always loving thee together with Jesus and Mary, * so that we may live conformably to the spirit of God, * and when this life shall be ended, * may have the happiness of being united to thee for all eternity. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF ONE DEARLY BELOVED

Good St. Anne, consoler of the afflicted, my heart is heavy with grief on beholding the evil courses of one so dear to me. This beloved soul is dead, dead to God and to heaven, dead to a happy eternity. Dear Good St. Anne, I rely on thy powerful intercession. Alas! one day this soul may be buried in the depths of hell and we can then never have the consolation of being together in heaven. This terrible thought is present to me day and night, and I weep incessantly when I think of being eternally separated one from another. Dear Mother St. Anne, have pity on this beloved soul; remind thy grandson Jesus of how much He has suffered for it, and then certainly He will bring it forth from the depths of indifference and sin. Good St. Anne, I humbly beseech thee, obtain me this favor. Amen.

PRAYER IN BEHALF OF A SICK PERSON

Beloved St. Anne, so justly called the mother of the afflicted, turn thine eyes of pity toward the dear infirm one in whom I take so deep an interest. Deign, in thy motherly bounty, to lessen the sufferings of illness; vouchsafe to implore from God complete restoration to health, and with health also the holy resolution henceforth to honor Jesus, Mary, and thyself by the faithful observance of all Christian duties. Amen. So I hope; so may it be.



PRAYER TO ST. ANNE

Approved by

His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons

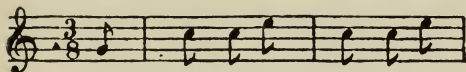
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Beloved of Jesus, Mary and Joseph! Mother of the Queen of Heaven, take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy special care. Obtain for us the virtues thou didst instill into the heart of her who was destined to become the Mother of God, and the graces with which thou wast endowed. Sublime model of Christian womanhood! pray that we may imitate thy example in our homes and families, listen to our petitions, and obtain our requests. Guardian of the infancy and childhood of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain the graces necessary for all who enter the marriage state, that imitating thy virtues they may sanctify their homes, and lead the souls entrusted to their care to eternal glory. Amen.

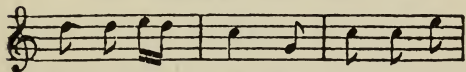
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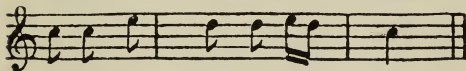
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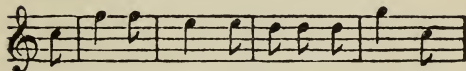


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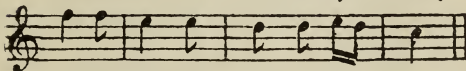


Ma-ry, thy dau-ghter so dear.

CHORUS.



O Good St. Anne! we call on thy name, Thy



prai-ses loud, thy chil-dren pro-claim.

II

To all who invoke thee thou lendest
an ear,

Thou soothest the sorrow of all who
draw near.

O Good St. Anne, etc.

III

The sailor, the trav'ler whom storms
make afraid,
Find safety and calm when they call on
thine aid.

O Good St. Anne, etc.

IV

The weary, despondent or sorrowful
here,
Find help in their sadness, a balm for
each tear.

O Good St. Anne, etc.

V

The sick, the afflicted, the lame and the
blind,
The suff'ring, the erring all solace here
find.

O Good St. Anne, etc.

VI

As pilgrims we come here to kneel at
thy feet;
O grant what we ask thee, if for us 'tis
meet.

O Good St. Anne, etc.

VII

St. Anne, we implore thee to list to our
pray'r

In time of temptation, take us in thy
care.

O Good St. Anne, etc.

VIII

In this life obtain for us that which
is best,

And bring us at length to our heavenly
rest.

Choruss

O Good St. Anne! we call on thy name,
Thy praises loud, thy children proclaim.



Please join in singing the Benediction Hymns.

O Salutaris

O salutaris Hostia,
Quae coeli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.
Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio:
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Laudate Dominum

Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes:
laudate eum, omnes populi:

Quoniam confirmata est super nos
misericordia ejus; et veritas Domini
manet in aeternum.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

I

Holy God, we praise Thy name,
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee.
|| Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy name. ||

II

Hark! the loud celestial hymn,
Angel choirs above are raising!
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising.
|| Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord. ||

III

Lo! the apostolic train,
Join Thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And with white - robed martyrs follow.
|| And from morn till set of sun,
Through the church the song goes on. ||

